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SUBJECT: FRENCH PETROLEUM IMPORTS

REF: BROWN/RAICHT TELEPHONE CALL 11/29/73

1. FRENCH CRUDE OIL IMPORTS FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS 1973 FOLLOW.
FIGURES ARE IN THOUSAND TONS; OUR APPROXIMATIONS OF THOUSAND
B/D OVER YEAR IF IMPORT RATE IS MAINTAINED ARE IN PARENTHESES.
TOTAL IMPORTS OVER PERIOD WERE 101 MILLION TONS.

SAUDI	22,718	(606)	23-0/0
IRAQ	12,998	(346)	13-0/0
KUWAIT	11,600	(309)	12-0/0
ABU DHABI	10,694	(285)	11-0/0
NIGERIA	9,224	(245)	9-0/0
ALGERIA	8,523	(227)	8-0/0
IRAN	8,290	(221)	8-0/0
LIBYA	5,627	(150)	ETC.
USSR	2,613	(70)	
QATAR	2,465	(66)	

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OMAN 1,680 (45)

VENEZUELA	1,250	(33)
DUBAI	189	(26)
GABON	797	(21)
CONGO	649	(17)
SYRIA	589	(16)
TUNISIA	224	(6)

FRENCH CRUDE IMPORTS HAVE BEEN ALMOST 18-0/0 HIGHER FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1973 THAN FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1972. HOWEVER, ABOUT 12-0/0 OF IMPORTED CRUDE HAS IN PAST BEEN RE-EXPORTED AS PRODUCT (OF WHICH APPROXIMATELY ON THIRD EACH HAS GONE TO GERMANY AND SWITZERLAND, AND 10-0/0 TO UK).

2. FRENCH PRODUCT IMPORTS REPRESENT APPROXIMATELY 5-0/0 OF DOMESTIC PETROLEUM CONSUMPTION (5.6 MILLION TONS IN FIRST 9 MONTHS OF 1973) IN 1972, PRODUCT IMPORTS TOTALLED 9 MILLION TONS, OF WHICH 3.7 FROM ITALY, 1.4 FROM GERMANY, 1.3 FROM USSR, .8 FROM NETHERLANDS, .6 FROM ROMANIA, .3 FROM BELGIUM, .2 FROM U.S. AND .2 FROM SPAIN. AMJOR PRODUCTS AND LEADING SOURCES IN 1972 WERE AS FOLLOWS:

A) GAST DIESEL OIL: 4 MILLION TONS, OF WHICH 2 FROM ITALY, .8 FROM USSR, .4 FROM ROMANIA, .4 NETHERLANDS.
B) RESID 2.2 MILLION TONS, OF WHICH .9 FROM ITALY, .4 FROM USSR, .3 FROM FRG, .3 FROM NETHERLANDS.
C) NAPHTHA 1.3 MILLION TONS, OF WHICH .6 FROM FRG, .5 FROM ITALY.
D) GALOLINES .7 MILLION TONS, OF WHICH .26 ITALY, .13 ROMANIA, .08 USSR AND .08 FRG.

3. FRENCH IMPORTS OF GAS OVER FIRST 9 MONTHS 1973 TOTALLED 6.75 MILLION CUBIC METERS (238 MILLION CUBIC FEET, OR .9 MILLION CUFT/DAY) OF WHICH 1.04 (15-0/0) LNG FROM ALGERIA AND 5.71 (55-0/0) FROM NETHERLANDS. IN 1972, IMPORTS AMOUNTED TO APPROXIMATELY 40-0/0 OF FRENCH GAS CONSUMPTION - WHICH IN TURN REPRESENTED 8-0/0 OF FRENCH ENERGY CONSUMPTION.STONE

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